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# S. CON. RES. 24

To express the sense of Congress on the need for the United States to defend the American agricultural and food supply system from industrial sabotage and terrorist threats.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sense of Congress on the need for the United States to defend the American agricultural and food supply system from industrial sabotage and terrorist threats.

Whereas the President has begun to implement programs to protect the critical infrastructures of the United States from attack;

Whereas the American agricultural and food supply system, a highly technological and efficient system for growing, processing, distributing, and marketing food and other agricultural products for the world market, is vulnerable to threats and attacks, particularly threats and attacks employing weapons, technologies, and materials of mass destruction;

Whereas the American agricultural and food supply system has not been included in counterterrorism planning;

Whereas critical infrastructure protection efforts must include response planning for potential threats and attacks on the American agricultural and food supply system;

Whereas the Department of Agriculture must play an active role in the counterterrorism and critical infrastructure preparedness plans of the United States; and

Whereas a successful strategy for protection of the American agricultural and food supply system must also include cooperation with State and local authorities and the private sector: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2       *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3               (1) the United States should take steps that are  
4       necessary to protect the American agricultural and  
5       food supply system from attacks, particularly at-  
6       tacks employing weapons, technologies, and mate-  
7       rials of mass destruction; and

8               (2) the Department of Agriculture should take  
9       the lead in protecting the American agricultural and  
10      food supply system.

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